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In 1889 William Overholt of Hillsboro bought what merchantable Che-
rry timber there was on Cranberry on the lands of Capt. William McNeel and
Capt. Alfred Edgar of Hillsboro. this timber layed on the headwaters of Cran-
berry River.

Overholt employed Charlie Callison of Greenbrier County who had a
Circular Sawmill to operate it for him, he did the cutting, skidding and sa-
wing this operation was completed in 1890 the year of the deep snow and
Overholt started sledding it out, he kept his horses in a small barn at the
camp and when the deep snow fell the weight being so great on the roof it
collapsed and it was only luck that the horses were not crushed under ^{it} ~~the~~
when it fell in, after remodeling the barn he proceeded with the lumber hau-
ling, it was taken by sleds and four horse teams to the mouth of Stamping
Creek where the lumber was put in the Greenbrier River and rafted to Ron-
ceverte where it was bought by lumber dealers and shipped from there to fu-
rniture factories all over the east.

Callison moved his mill from Cranberry to the ^{Mitchell} Gordon place on Beav-
er Dam or better known as the headwaters of Williams River.

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Lumber-

of Marlinton

B.F Smith operated on Elk River in 1927 his first set was at Harry Varners and logged by Varner the sawyer was B.F (Bud) White of Cam-
belltown, his second set was at Harry Sheltons in 1927 & 28 this set was logged
by Forest Gibson and sawyer White. At these two sets they sawed 900.000

Smiths 3rd. set was on the James Gibson farm near the stone
quary this set was sawed by White and logged by Forest Gibson and here they
cut between 250 and 300,000 this took place in 1928.

His 4th. set was at Clark Hannahs in 1929 logged by Clark
Hannah and sawed by White. Some logs were cut on the Sam Jackson place but
owned by Jake Gibson. Here they sawed 500.000.

In 1937 Smith had his circular mill set on the James Gibson
farm near where Harry Thomas lives at this set they sawed logs from the follow-
ing farms Mollie Gibsons logged by Harry Varner and Dock Gibson. George Gays log-
ged by Forest Gibson, W.H Shelton farm and the ^S Susie Rider farm skidded by For-
est Gibson and about 100.000 from the Jake Moore place owned by James Gibson
when this set was finished they had cut about 800.000 and from here Smith moved
his mill to Browns Creek.

This lumber was trucked to Marlinton for shipment out over
the C & O .

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